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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

FROM:

Dave Grie

SUBJECT:

Weekly Report

It now appears likely that the 99th Congress will remain in session until the middle or end of next week.

The legislation that provides us with

includes ambiguous language about GAO's relationship to the program. Dan Childs and I visited GAO in this connection and expressed reluctance to accept outside audits. Subsequently, we learned that GAO has told HPSCI and SSCI that it will seek to perform audits if asked to do so by Congress. One possible solution is for the intelligence committees to perform audit-like functions while keeping GAO at arm's length. We have also sought legal opinion on whether the law requires GAO to perform hands-on audits.

SSCI, HPSCI, Senate Foreign Relations, and the Bipartisan House Committee on Nicaragua (Edwards, Skelton, Ray, Chandler, Roemer, Cheney, Stenholm, Coleman, Mack and Robinson) have either received or are scheduled to receive briefings on the C123.

Other items are covered in the Congressional Scorecard prepared for Thursday's Poindexter meeting. Copies are attached for those who didn't receive it.

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8 October 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

FROM:

Dave Gries

SUBJECT:

Scorecard with Congress

Byrd Amendment: This would attach minor but undesirable conditions to the we have succeeded in convincing Byrd not to offer this amendment to the Continuing Resolution.

Chiles Amendment on Moscow Embassy Construction: Chiles attempted to submit an amendment requiring the Director to certify publicly concerning engineering and security aspects of the Embassy. We were able to get this deleted and inserted instead in modified form in the classified annex of the Senate Intelligence Authorization Bill.

NASA Authorization Bill HR 5495: The bill is now in Conference. Sen. Hollings is moving to arrange DCI membership on the National Aeronautics and Space Council. House staff is aware of our request and are working on it. There is a 50-50 chance that the entire NASA bill may not be enacted because of opposition by the Administration to other provisions in the bill.

Status of Intelligence Authorization Bill: Differences between the House and Senate versions have been resolved and final passage of the bill occurred earlier this week.

--Status of Helms Amendments: The Helms amendments have been deleted from the bill that emerged from conference. However, much of the Helms language remains in the legislative report accompanying the Senate bill. Although it does not have the force of law and did not survive conference, we can comply with portions of it.

--Status of Hamilton Proposal: We lost this battle. The proposal to enact into permanent law the requirement to report to HPSCI and SSCI on transfer of defense articles and service in excess of \$1 million has been adopted. This requirement was originally contained in the FY 86 Intelligence Authorization bill, but its duration in that bill was only 1 year.

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Report on Counterintelligence and Security: The SSCI has published an unclassified version of its counterintelligence and security report after making more than 100 deletions from the original draft.

Report on the Estimative Process: The SSCI agreed to delete classified portions of its staff report on the estimative process. Committee members are now being polled on whether or not to publish the report.

Enhanced MG: Although Rep. Chappell's attitude is not completely clear, we have a commitment from Sen. Stevens' staff director to call immediately if he senses a problem. We have also polled two of Rep. Chappell's staffers. Currently, all these indicators are positive.